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Attorney Docket No. P68.2B-11477-US01

Amendments To The Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A deposit taking system for receiving deposits from one or more users, said deposit taking system comprising:
at least two safes each having at least one processor controlled deposit opening; a local processor, operatively connected to each of said safes, said local processor having a user interface to communicate with the user, and being capable of communicating with a remote processor; and
a means for opening a respective one of said processor controlled deposit openings in response to a communication from either said user or said remote processor; and a remote processor which can communicate with said local processor;
wherein, said user's deposits are sorted by said deposit taking system opening one or another of said deposit openings, and wherein said user must be approved before said deposit taking system opens a respective one of said processor controlled deposit openings, and wherein said local processor requests approval for said user from said remote processor, and said remote processor responds to said local processor with a communication of an approval or a rejection of said user, and wherein said remote processor evaluates said status information and responds to said local processor with a communication to cease accepting further deposits, and wherein said remote processor also communicates a request to a service provider to provide service to said deposit taking system, and wherein said means for opening a respective one of said processor controlled deposit openings opens one of said processor controlled deposit openings in the event the user is identified as a customer of one financial institution and another of said processor controlled deposit openings in the event the user is identified as the user is a customer of another financial institution.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The deposit taking system according to claim 1 [[2]], wherein each of said safes are contained in a separate module to permit flexibility in placing said modules in

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accordance with user demand.

4. (Original) The deposit taking system as claimed in claim 1, further including a separate access opening for each safe to permit the contents of the safe to be periodically removed.

5. (Original) The deposit taking system according to claim 3, wherein said means for opening a respective one of said processor controlled deposit openings opens a respective one of said processor controlled deposit openings in response to a user identification.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) The deposit taking system according to claim 1 [[2]], wherein status information relating to said deposit taking system is provided to said local processor, which in turn communicates said status information to said remote processor.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) The deposit taking system according to claim 1, wherein said means for opening a respective one of said processor controlled deposit openings opens a respective one of said processor controlled deposit openings in response to the type of deposit being made by a user.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) The deposit taking system according to claim 1 [[8]] wherein said means for opening a respective one of said processor controlled deposit openings opens one of said processor controlled deposit openings where the deposit is a cash deposit and another of said processor controlled deposit openings where the deposit is a deposit other than a cash deposit.

12. (Original) The deposit taking system according to claim 1, wherein said user interface includes a computer touch screen.

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13. (Currently Amended) A method of receiving a deposit from a user, said method comprising:

providing a receiving device, comprising at least two safes, a local processor operatively connected to each of said safes, said local processor having a user interface to communicate with the user, each of said safes further including at least a processor controlled deposit opening;

receiving from said user deposit information through said user interface; and opening one of said processor controlled deposit openings to permit the user to place a deposit therein,

wherein said user, by placing said deposit in said open processor controlled deposit opening, sorts said deposit and wherein the opening of the one of said processor controlled deposit openings opens one of said processor controlled deposit openings in the event the user is identified as a customer of one financial institution and another of said processor controlled deposit openings in the event the user is identified as the user is a customer of another financial institution.

14. (Original) A method of receiving a deposit of currency from a user according to claim 12, said method further including the steps of: providing a remote processor at a remote location, said remote processor being capable of communicating with said local processor of said receiving device; and communicating said deposit information to said remote processor when said deposit is made by said user.

15. (Original) A method of receiving a deposit of currency from a user according to claim 13, said method further including the step of communicating preapproval to said local processor to permit said deposit opening to be opened.